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Title: REINFORCED POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT-ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing this response in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee is as follows: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) - Extension within third month.

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In response to the Examiner's office action dated December 23, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect the species wherein the pendant group is that described by claim 7 and the bisamidine group is that described in claim 11 and also in claim 17.

Claims 1-7 and 9-17 are generic to the elected species.

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Should the Examiner determine that a telephone interview would be beneficial in resolving any of the issues in this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

April 24, 2006

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